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Conservation Commission Minutes 08/02/2012

Arlington Conservation Commission
 Minutes
 August 2, 2012

Mr. Stevens called the meeting to order at 7:45 p.m. in the second floor conference room of the Town Hall Annex.

Present were Nathaniel Stevens, David White, Charles Tirone, Chris Naylor, Curt Connors, Michele Durocher, and Catherine Garnett of the Commission. Eileen Coleman of the Commission was not present. Also present were Leslie Mayer, Patsy Kramer, and John Holmes.

7:45 pm – Commission Business:

Naylor/Connors motioned to approve the **7/19 minutes** with edits; motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Holmes was present for the discussion regarding removal of vegetation at **317 Mystic St.** Ms. Beckwith received two reports of the work on this property. Mr. Holmes said that he had just cleaned up the weeds and overgrowth and was making it beautiful. Ms. Beckwith will visit the property in next week and report back to the board.

Ms. Kramer presented the proposal to hold small ceremonies in the park at **Cookes Hollow**. The Commission asked about the possibility of collecting a small fee for this use and putting the funds into the Stewardship account to buy plants. Mr. Tirone didn't think this was a good idea. The Commission agreed to include the property in the list of those available for use as a trial period to see if there are any problems that arise.

Ms. Mayer asked the Commission for input on the proposed new **boat ramp** at the **Arlington Reservoir**. The first use for the ramp is for access for the water chestnut removal work, secondly the ramp would be used for emergency response. Funds have become available for this work. Information from the dam's permitting can be utilized for the drafting of the permit for this project, survey, design, design/build option. Topics to be addressed:

- The chestnut harvester needs specific width and load.
- Is there a boat size restriction on the Reservoir?
- Are their restrictions on this ramp due to the dam requirements?
- Location review, are their any alternatives, should be behind the gate for use control.
- can geogrid or concrete grid be used?
- construction schedule, possibly next spring

The Commission will continue this discussion at the next meeting on 8/16.

The Commission discussed the draft letter regarding **0 Hemlock St** conservation land. Ms. Garnett sent additional information for consideration. Mr. Stevens asked Ms. Beckwith to forward the Chapter 97 information to Mr. Quattrini.

Ms. Beckwith showed a draft sign for the **Hurd field parking lot**. The sign explains the permeable pavement system to the public.

The Commission directed Ms. Beckwith to send out the **Addison St dock** letter to abutters.

Mr. Tirone asked the Building department if the Conservation Department can put conditions onto Building Permits.

Meeting adjourned at 10pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Corinna Beckwith
Commission Administrator